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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/631,935	Applicant(s) TAMEKUNI ET AL.	
	Examiner Leonid Shapiro	Art Unit 2673	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 March 0731 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 19-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimada (US Patent No. 5,640,171) in view of Yokoi et al. (US Patent No. 5,864,346).

As to claim 19, Shimada teaches a display apparatus (See Col. 1, Lines 6-9) comprising:

a display unit adapted to display an image (see Fig. 2, items 10R, 10L, Col. 3, Lines 48-60); and

wherein said display unit displays said image as being switched by mode signal from 3D to 2D mode (See Fig. 1, items 2, 4, Fig. 3, items 3-4, Col. 4, Lines 30-67).

Shimada does not disclose a detecting unit adapted to detect whether a predetermined time is passed to switch mode from 3D to 2D.

Yokoi et al. teaches a detecting unit adapted to detect whether a predetermined time is passed (See Fig. 8, items steps S102-S103, S116, Col. 8, Lines 11-14).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate teaching of Yokoi et al. into Shimada system to switch mode after predetermined time passed in order to prevent user from getting excessively fatigued (See Col. 1, Lines 45-48 in the Yokoi et al. reference).

As to claim 24, Shimada teaches a method for a display unit (See Col. 1, Lines 6-9) adapted to display an image (see Fig. 2, items 10R, 10L, Col. 3, Lines 48-60); and displaying said image as being switched by mode signal from 3D to 2D mode (See Fig. 1, items 2, 4, Fig. 3, items 3-4, Col. 4, Lines 30-67).

Shimada does not disclose a detecting unit adapted to detect whether a predetermined time is passed to switch mode from 3D to 2D.

Yokoi et al. teaches a detecting unit adapted to detect whether a predetermined time is passed (See Fig. 8, items steps S102-S103, S116, Col. 8, Lines 11-14).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate teaching of Yokoi et al. into Shimada method to switch mode after predetermined time passed in order to prevent user from getting excessively fatigued (See Col. 1, Lines 45-48 in the Yokoi et al. reference).

As to claims 20 and 25, Shimada teaches display apparatus is capable of being mounted on user's head (See Fig. 2, item 9, Col. 3, Lines 48-60).

As to claims 21 and 26, Yokoi et al. teaches a time setting unit adapted to set predetermined time by manual operation (See Fig. 5, items 2221, 2224, from Col. 5, Line 64 to Col. 6, Line 7).

As to claims 22 and 27, Shimada teaches display apparatus is capable of being mounted on user's head (See Fig. 2, item 9, Col. 3, Lines 48-60) and Yokoi et al. teaches a time setting unit adapted to set predetermined time by manual operation (See Fig. 5, items 2221, 2224, from Col. 5, Line 64 to Col. 6, Line 7).

As to claims 23 and 28, Shimada teaches wherein said display unit includes

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a liquid crystal display adapted to display an image, and a backlight source adapted to illuminate said liquid crystal display from behind (See Fig. 1, items 7R, 7L, 8R, 8L, Col. 3, Lines 26-47).

Telephone inquire

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leonid Shapiro whose telephone number is 571-272-7683. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 a.m. to 5 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amr Awad can be reached on 571-272-7764. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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